Blook racket

507. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Spurious blood racket unearthed at DD Hospital, Delhi", which appeared in The Times of India', dated 6th June, 2002;

(b) if so the details of this racket with names of the accused and since when this raket has been going on with *modus-opemdioi* the accused; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to control such type of illegal activities which play with the lives of the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigations carried out jointly by officers of the Drugs Control Department of Government of Delhi and Delhi State Blood Transfussion Council on 23.5.2002 revealed that on 20.5.2002 a patient named Bhagirath developed reaction on transfusion of blood in ward No. 9 of DDU Hospital, Delhi. The doctor on duty stopped blood transfusion and returned the blood bag to the blood bank of the hospital. On checking the blood bag, the Medical Officer in charge of the blood bank observed that the said blood bag was not issued from his blood bank. The hospital authorities lodged a complaint with Police on 21.5.2002 informing that a racket of supply of spurious/contaminated blood was operating in DDU hospital and accordingly a case was registered under section 420/468/471/270 of I.P.C.The name of the accused is "Chuttan" S/o Shri Asger.The accused is in judicial custody and the matter is under investigation by the police.

(c) the regulatory authorities have tightened vigil to prevent such incidents and the Medical Superintendent of DDU hospital has been advised to take the following steps:—

(i) The blood bags containing blood should be requisitioned by the hospital ward and issued by the blood bank staff only to the ward boy/staff member of the hospital and not any attendant/relative of the in-patient, as is usually the case.

(ii) Strict instructions from the MedicaJJSuperintendent should be issued to all the Heads of Departments as well as Residents and

nursing staff, particularly those on night duty to carefully verify the cross matching report and cross check from the blood bank before initiating blood transfusion.

(iii) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for requisition of blood units by the clinicians should be prepared and followed scrupulously.

Non-functioning of equipment in Burns Deptt. of Safdarjung Hospital

508. SHRIAMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of machines and equipment fitted in the ICU of Safdarjung Hospital's Burns Department are not functioning properly with the result the patients have been suffering; and

(b) if so, since when these equipments have been lying idle and by when these will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) All the machines are working in ICU of Burn Department of Safdarjung Hospital except on parameter, *i.e.* blood pressure of the two monitors which are managed manually by blood pressure instruments.The repair of the above parameter is under process.

Procurement of banned medicine of cough

†509. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of his Ministry have procured spurious and banned medicine of cough despite objections made by Members of Parliament, C.G.H.S. beneficiaries and officers of Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the amount with the number of bottles of medicine procured and the names of the officers who have overlooked the objections of all persons including that of members of Parliament; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.